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Title: CLOSTRIDIUM DIFFICILE CULTURE AND TOXIN PRODUCTION  
METHODS

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to Examination, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows: